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# Placement ahead of last year

by Dwight Dively

Placement of graduating seniors is well ahead of previous years and salaries are reaching new heights, according to William W. Sisson, Director of Placement and Corporate Relations.

Nationwide, engineering graduates continue to be in great demand, with a 34% increase in openings expected this year.

This trend has been manifested at Rose in more interviews, more plant trips, and more job offers. Over 4000 interviews have been conducted on campus, and some students received as many as 15 job offers.

About 70% of the seniors have accepted a certain job already, which is a far higher percentage than in previous years. Sisson attributes this to companies making offers earlier in the year due to the tight market.

Several companies interviewed at Rose this year for the first time, but the major growth occurred with those companies which have been coming here for years. Several corporations scheduled extra sessions and offered to stay as long as needed to give everyone an interview. Such actions are

unprecedented, says Sisson.

As usual, salaries received by seniors have jumped since last year. The average job offer so far this year is about 10% higher than in 1978.

Chemical engineers have the highest average job offer at \$1635 per month, followed by mechanicals at \$1555, electricals at \$1526, civils at \$1490, and computer science majors at \$1433. There are too few chemistry and physics majors to create a meaningful average.

The M.E.'s were the first section in which everyone got an offer.

General Motors has been the biggest employer so far, taking 17 Rose students. Nine of them will be employed in Indianapolis. Sisson noted that the high salaries and the uncertain state of the economy have drastically reduced the number of seniors planning on attending graduate school. As of now, only six are planning on continuing their education immediately, although others will probably start master's programs in coordination with their jobs.

The excellent employment outlook for the seniors is helped by two important factors, Sisson

believes. First, he received numerous compliments from recruiters on the excellent preparation of Rose students for interviews. Students are friendly, composed, know something about the company, and know what type of job they're looking for.

Second, Sisson says that the faculty, which by and large has a considerable amount of work experience, is a great help to recruiting. Professors help students with job selection, escort recruiters while they're on campus, and provide an idea of what specific skills are needed on the job. This reflects in the classroom, which makes students better prepared for employment.

A large number of summer jobs have also been available this year, both for students and faculty. Likewise, scholarship programs such as ones sponsored by GM and Ford are increasing.

Sisson issued a caution against professional placement services, which claim to offer students a better chance for a job. He explained that companies prefer to deal directly with schools and save the placement fee, so being listed by one of these services is actually counterproductive.



The Residence Hall Association will sponsor a coffeehouse next Saturday, April 28, in the WORX at 8:00 p.m. The coffeehouse will feature Dan Blegen and Eric Sayer, composers and performers of "Classical Cartoon Music."

This pair gained their fame as accompanists to mime Michael Hennessy, and have now branched out on their own. They have released an album, and have toured 23 states.

## Junior year abroad program

by John Sparks

A new program will be implemented at Rose next year — Junior Year Abroad.

The program, which has attracted four applicants for next year, involves time spent studying at one of three European institutions: Imperial College in London, Technical University of Hanover, Germany, and the University of Stuttgart in Germany.

Each of the colleges is near the top of an already impressive European educational system, and definitely matches the quality of education one would receive during his junior year at Rose.

The European system is much different from its American counterpart in that students are expected to study on their own. The final grade depends on one cumulative test, with quizzes practically nonexistent and attendance optional.

The different cultural environment combined with the distraction of a large and exciting foreign city also make it hard for the student to discipline himself properly.

For these reasons, standards are high for approval into the program.

Interested sophomores must have at least a 3.2 grade point average, an application

containing a plan of study at the foreign university that is cleared to meet graduation requirements at Rose, and two letters of recommendation.

Candidate selections are made by the Committee on Junior Study Abroad headed by Dr. Duane Bruley and including Dr. Tom Mason, Dr. Peter Priest, and Professors Hannelore Lohr, Richard Gibbs, and Irvin Hooper.

These students then apply for admission to the foreign college of their choice. Each is backed by a letter of recommendation from Bruley's office.

Costs are basically the same overseas as at Rose, and although each case is individual, financial aid can generally be applied to the foreign university.

Of the four students applying for the program, two hope to attend Imperial College and two are considering the University of Stuttgart.

This number is in keeping with estimates of about a half a dozen students each year.

Applications for students willing to make the effort such a program demands must be submitted to the committee by November 1 of the sophomore year. Successful applicants will be notified by November 30, and all details of the Junior Year Abroad must be completed by December 15.

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## Campus housing tight again

Rose will once again face a substantial shortage of on-campus housing next year, according to Pete Gustafson, Assistant Dean for Student Life.

Preliminary indications are that approximately 73 students who wish on-campus housing will not be able to be housed. Actually, many of these students may be housed if they wish to take vacancies as they occur during the summer. This would mean taking any room which becomes available.

There are some alternatives available for students seeking off-campus housing. The housing office maintains an up-to-date list of apartments which have been called in.

Also, the Terre Haute Tribune and Star list apartments; by far the best source of listings is the Sunday edition.

Apartments normally cost \$60 to \$100 per student per month plus utilities.

Of course, one source of apartment listings are rental agencies. However, Gustafson does not recommend them as they charge for information which is readily available with a little searching. Some charge a flat fee, while others charge a percentage of the rental amount.

An option for those students who will be juniors or seniors is the Ritz Plaza Motel. The motel is under new ownership, and the new owners have been much more cooperative than the previous owner.

The Ritz Plaza is offering an entire wing of their facility to Rose students. The rooms are all double rooms with individual baths, heating and air

conditioning, phones, weekly maid service, and a swimming pool.

The cost will vary according to the amount of interest. The owners have indicated that the cost for a small number of students would be \$110-\$120 per month per student. The greater the interest, the lower the cost.

Gustafson suggests that anyone who is at all interested contact the Ritz Plaza by April 25. Tell them the amount you are willing to pay; if enough interest is shown, the amount will come down.

Gustafson encourages students with questions about housing to stop in at the Student Union Office or in G-216.

## Robert W. Bishop new to staff

Robert W. Bishop, recently-retired plant manager of the J. I. Case & Company's Terre Haute plant, has joined Rose-Hulman as a development associate for community relations.

Rose-Hulman president Dr. Samuel F. Hulbert made the announcement, noting the Institute's good fortune of attracting a man of Bishop's proven community service to the college staff.

Bishop reports to Ronald G. Reeves, vice president for development and public affairs. He will work with the Terre Haute Community Scholarship Fund, the Board of Associates and Development Council programs.

A native of Geneva, Ohio and a veteran of World War II, Bishop was graduated from Ohio State University with a B.S. in industrial engineering in 1947. Bishop served in the Army

Engineer Corps from 1942 through 1945.

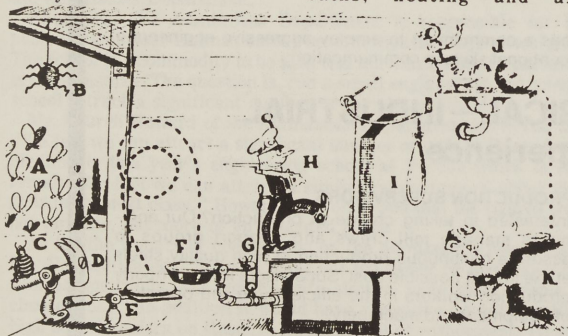
His career in manufacturing and engineering included positions with General Motors, Philco Corporation, Westinghouse Electrical Corporation and J. I. Case. A majority of Bishop's career was spent in factory manufacturing management, the last nine years as plant manager of the Terre Haute operation of J. I. Case. Having spent 20 years with Case, he formerly was manager of J. I. Case's Bettenford, Iowa plant.

Bishop is active in a number of professional and community organizations, including Rotary, Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce, and is on the board of directors of Junior Achievement of the Wabash Valley (past president), Terre Haute Committee for Area Progress (past president), Indiana Manufacturers



Robert Bishop

Association, Country Club of Terre Haute, Rose-Hulman Industrial Board of Advisors, and Rose-Hulman Board of Associates.



by Rick Warner

The Rube Goldberg competition starts tomorrow and a big turnout is expected. The event is sponsored by the Rose chapter of ASME and the mechanical engineering honorary Pi Tau Sigma as part of the Rose Show/Parents' Day exhibits.

For the uninitiated, the whole idea behind this design contest is to make a very complex machine to do a simple task - which in this case is the popping of a balloon. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first three entrants, and the values are \$60.00 for first place, followed by \$30.00, and \$15.00 for second and third place respectively.

# Welcome Parents!



## "Fantasticks" set for tonight

by Henry Albertson

The Rose Drama Club will present its first musical, "The Fantasticks," tonight at 8:00 p.m. and tomorrow at 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. in the Rose auditorium. Admission is \$1.50, and tickets will be available at the door.

"The Fantasticks," written by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, is America's longest running play. It opened off-Broadway in 1960, and has been running continuously ever since.

"The Fantasticks" is a simple tale of romance. It is a comedy about a young man, Matt (played by Joe Gaines), and the "girl

next door," Luise (played by St. Mary's student Julia Wood). They are madly in love with one another. However, their feuding fathers have built a wall between their two houses to keep the lovers apart.

The two fathers, Hucklebee and Bellomy (Tom Cornell and Bill Sutton) are only pretending to fight, though. They'd like their son and daughter to get married, but realize this would never happen if they appeared to encourage it. "To manipulate children, you merely say, 'No,'" they explain.

But how to end the feud? The fathers hire a "bandit," El Gallo

(Rich Robbins) to abduct Luise so Matt can rescue her. El Gallo brings in two helpers, an aging Shakespearean actor named Henry (John Rasp) and a Cockney Indian named Mortimer (Gene Jones).

The three attempt the "rape" (which is the correct term for a professional abduction, being short and businesslike) and are defeated by Matt in hilarious mock battle. The two fathers "relent" and there is a Happy Ending.

Also in the show are two mutes, Jeff Knierim and Jeff Koechling, who supply props and scene changes.

## Rose wins programming contest

The Third Midwest Basic Language Programming Competition (MBPC), was held here on April 7. The competition is sponsored as an independent intercollegiate activity to promote undergraduate college level competition in computer programming.

Eight teams consisting of four programmers per team, participated in the 4-hour competition. The participants attempted to complete the solutions (program and execution) of six carefully prepared contest problems.

In first place was the team

from Rose-Hulman. The team was comprised of Dave Bakken (Sr.), Dan Day (So.), Chris Thomas (So.), and Dave Moody (Fr.). In second place was Grinnell College of Iowa. In third was Wabash College.

Special credit for the preparation and conduct of the competition go to Drs. Darrell Criss and Michael Atkins, the other members of the computer science faculty, as well as numerous students who helped with registration, and other duties. Special thanks to Don Heath, Larry Alldredge, and Clarence Gardner for their

preparation of the automated contestant program submission and judging system.

Some of the other teams participating included West Lafayette Community College, Taylor University, Earlham College, DePauw University, and Grace College.

Judging was done by Bruce Gaff of Plycom, Inc.; Paul Bradenburg of Digital Equipment; and Nathan Miles and James Osburn, both of Applied Computer Devices of Terre Haute.

Next year's meet will be held again at Rose on April 5.



Decent Chick of the Week: Lindy Rose

## Class of 1983 almost set

by Jim Weber

The Rose-Hulman Class of 1983 is all but set as the Admissions Department is winding down its year-long recruitment efforts and begins the work for the class of 1984.

The fruits of over 900 high school visits and some 500 campus tours are the 1656 applications that the Admissions Department received, an effort second only to last year's record.

Of those applications, 1150 have been qualified for admittance. The final roster for

next year's freshman class will consist of those applicants who first submit deposits.

As of now, 373 deposits have been cashed and, in the near future, the final deposits will be taken to raise the number to approximately 390.

Although this number is significantly large, it does not mean that next year's class will be of record size. Cancellations are anticipated to lower that number to the normal freshman class size of 345 to 350.

## Leadership workshop slated

Do you consider yourself to be a campus leader? Would you like to improve your leadership skills?

If so, you might be interested in a workshop entitled "Getting Keyed Up for Effective Leadership." This workshop is being sponsored by the Student Life Development Team, which is made up of professionals from Rose-Hulman and I.S.U.

The workshop will deal with leadership styles, competition, conflict, and the group process.

The meeting will take place in the Hulman Memorial Union on

Saturday, April 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The cost is \$3.00 per participant which includes coffee and donuts, lunch from McDonalds, and workshop materials.

The workshop is limited to the first forty participants to register from I.S.U. and Rose. Applications may be picked up in the Hulman Union, and are due by April 25.

If you have any questions, contact Pete Gustafson at Extensions 346 or 257.

## Bits & Pieces

### Olympathon

The Blue Key honor fraternity will be trying to raise funds for the Olympathon tomorrow.

A drawing will be held at 11:30 in the fieldhouse on Parent's Day. The winner will be allowed to hit a faculty member of his choice in the face with a pie.

Raffle tickets are still being sold today in the main hall at 25¢ each or five for a dollar.

A few of the faculty members participating are Dr. Brophy, Dr. Eifert, Ron Reeves, Dr. Matsumoto, and Coach Touchton.

All proceeds will go to the Olympathon held April 21st to raise money for the 1980 Olympics in Moscow.

### Wilson Fellows

Rose will welcome two more Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows beginning on April 28.

Joseph and Gretchen Handwerger will be on campus for a full week. Mr. Handwerger is an engineer, architect, and planner, and has traveled overseas to aid in development projects in Third World countries.

Mrs. Handwerger is the Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, and is in charge of personnel and program development. She has also worked as an economist, and for Common Cause and the Urban Coalition.

The Handwergers will be visiting classes and talking to students throughout their visit.

### Rose Riots

Rose Riots will be held on April 24th at the Spring Honors Convocation. Shows are still needed, and it's not too late to enter.

Put your application in the box at the SGA office today. This may be your last chance to depict Rose life and "tell it like it is."

### RHA Film

The Residence Hall Association will be showing the movie "A Clockwork Orange" this Sunday, April 22, in B-119.

This Stanley Kubrick Film is a nightmare scenario of the future about a man who is treated for violent behavior in a "reform institution."

## Honoraries

by Rick Warner

Some wild things are happening in the honorary fraternities. For one thing, several of the fraternities are recruiting new members. Tau Beta Pi will start their initiation May 2nd, and the Blue Key fraternity will be initiating people in the 9th week. Tau Beta Pi just elected 19 new members last week.

The initiation activities are usually arduous and strange. Don't be surprised to see people polishing the brass structure called the "Bent", which is located by the Union building.

Most of the honorary fraternities get really involved in school affairs. They are usually responsible for the Rose Show (the open house dinner on Parent's Day); the Rose Riots, and many other special events such as the Homecoming activities.

Of course, there are the more serious activities too, such as the raffle on Parent's Day, sponsored by the Blue Key fraternity. The idea behind the raffle is to decide who gets to throw pies into the faces of volunteers from the faculty.

As of this writing, the volunteers have not all identified themselves yet. This raffle idea is the brainchild of Dr. Eifert and Dr. Brophy, who suggested that the money which is raised be donated to the U.S. Olympic Team fund.

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# Should Rose be coed?

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The controversy surrounding coeducation at Rose is an issue which is constantly with us: sometimes it is more pressing than on other occasions, but it is always one of the two or three most vital long-term questions facing our school. There is little doubt that the admission of women would on the whole be to the benefit of Rose-Hulman.

Let's face it, gentlemen, as long as we remain all-male, Rose is not part of the real world. Engineering and science are no longer the bastions of male supremacy, and we will have to deal with women throughout all of our professional lives. So, while we perpetuate our chauvinistic existence, we only cheat ourselves from a necessary social experience.

On the practical side, coeducation will bring several benefits to Rose. First, it will create a more qualified student body. Not only will women be admitted, but male students who didn't consider Rose because of the lack of women here will be attracted to the Institute. The admissions department reports that each year more and more men choose to enroll elsewhere because of our short-sighted policy. Similarly, more students who drop out due to the social environment will stay, and the retention rate will thus be increased.

The social life is cited by students as one of the biggest problems at Rose. First, and that life is bound to improve if women are admitted. The academic environment would also improve, since women will bring different perspectives and backgrounds to discussions and activities.

But what of all the problems women would cause for Rose? First, it wouldn't cost to convert a floor or two of one of the dorms for women, and athletic facilities could similarly be dealt with at minimal cost.

The common fear that women would take away our job offers is hardly likely to happen. To begin with, no one who is now here needs to worry, since they will graduate before any of the women do. Also, the women are already competing for jobs with us; whether they're at Purdue or Rose really isn't important. In actuality, recruiting will probably increase at Rose since companies will be able to recruit anyone they need here, and not just men.

Finally, there is a pervasive fear that the alumni will stop contributing if Rose goes coed. It seems that if the reasons for the change were clearly explained, most of the alumni would continue their support. To paraphrase the President of Radcliffe, "It seems that Rose alumni have only sons, and no daughters;" it should be remembered that some donations will probably increase since both sexes of alumni children could be admitted.

Rose will never have a large number of female students, at least not in the near future, but the experience of other schools shows that about 10-15% of our school student body would be female. That number would be enough to make the Rose environment considerably more livable.

It should be remembered that in the last poll on the subject, the majority of those students expressing a preference favored coeducation, and the majority of the faculty felt the same way. These majorities are likely to increase as time goes on, so we should be working on going coed now.

Finally, we need to remember just what Rose-Hulman stands for. We ostensibly advocate the democratic way of equal rights and equal opportunity. Thus, to deny women admission is philosophically repugnant, and in essence is hypocritical.

Do we really mean what we say about liberty and equality, or are men somehow "more equal" than women? And that, gentlemen, is the real question.

There is little doubt that the admission of women would on the whole be of minimal benefit to Rose-Hulman, and has possible grave consequences which must be considered.

Let's face it, gentlemen, few women will attend at coeducational Rose-Hulman. There just aren't that many female engineering students. Other schools similar to Rose have only managed a male-female ratio of around 8-1, and this after years of admitting women. For the first several years, the percentage has been much lower. For example, a few years after CalTech went coed, there were 32 women in a student body of over 1500.

But Rose can't even realistically expect this many women to enroll. While our Admissions Department does a truly outstanding job, the school simply has not been very successful in recruiting special target groups. There are few black students here; there is little reason to believe the situation will be any different when it comes to attracting women to Rose.

Female engineering students are the object of intense recruitment by other schools. To compete, Rose must offer preferential scholarships and admissions to women at the expense of qualified male students — actions contrary to school policy. So a student body of even 10-15% women could not be expected. We're reduced to talking about maybe fifty women at Rose — if that many.

Any benefits which might be accrued from coeducation will hence be minimal. A school of 5% women is scarcely more the "real world" than one that's all-male. It's difficult to imagine how very many more students would be attracted to Rose by the existence of a tiny contingent of coeds, or how the existence of one or two girls in a class would be sufficient inducement not to drop out. The effects of coeducation on social and academic life will be similarly inconsequential.

But consider the problems coeducation will bring. Cost of con-

verting facilities for use by women won't be exorbitant, but will put heavy demands on an already tight facilities budget.

Competition with women over jobs cannot be underestimated. Female Rose graduates will get better job offers, at the expense of their male counterparts. While it is true that women already compete with Rose men for jobs, it is also true that Rose men are competing with Purdue women. We are told of the high quality of a Rose education; we'd like to think that one benefit of this education would be making students here more competitive in the job market. This competitive edge over women would be removed were to Rose to go coed.

Let's also not forget who pays many bills around here: alumni. By admitting women, Rose risks losing contributions from many alumni who oppose Rose going coed, while encouraging little more giving from other sources.

Let's not allow phony appeals to democracy to creep in here. Rose in no way prevents a woman from exercising her "right to be an engineer;" there are plenty of places she can attend. If you want to press the point, perhaps Rose as the last of the prestigious group of all-male engineering schools should not deny men the opportunity to attend such a school.

The last poll taken on the subject showed student opinion virtually evenly divided, with a few more students strongly opposed to coeducation than strongly in favor. In the absence of a strong mandate from the students, a move toward coeducation would be ill-advised.

The question is not whether we believe in freedom, motherhood, and apple pie, or whether we have anything against women. The question is whether the disadvantages of coeducation will be outweighed by the minimal advantages obtained from admitting a handful of women.

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## Admissions set for coeds

by Jim Weber

There has been much talk recently of the possibilities of Rose-Hulman becoming co-educational. The impacts on campus life and the effects on the Rose system have been debated more than once. Seldom, however, is there any discussion on how such a change would effect those who would be responsible for bringing the girls to Rose — the Admissions Department.

Each year the Admissions Department is responsible for the publicizing of Rose-Hulman among several thousand high school men. The school is a commodity to be sold, and the Admissions Department is the salesman. The question is, can a small engineering and science school attract a significant number of female applicants.

Mr. Church Howard of the Admissions Department answered that "We feel we can attract a significant number of girls to Rose. An indication is this year's engineering school at Purdue which is 18% female. We feel we can attract a similar percentage of about 15-20 girls in the next class. "Howard went on to add that the figures were not tangible, but more of an educated guess.

As for the impact of coeducation on the admission's mechanism, Mr. Howard stated, "it would make our job easier by increasing our pool of applicants. We would, quite simply, have more people to choose from." In addition it would have a positive aspect in selling high school seniors on Rose. In a recent poll of withdrawals (that is those who decided not to attend Rose Hulman after being admitted) it was found that where the absence of women was not a main reason for withdrawal, in many cases it was a second or third reason and definitely was a factor considered heavily by many.

In addition, Mr. Howard felt that co-education would have an overall positive effect on education. "In cases of schools such as MIT which have gone coed, reports have been that it increased the professional aspect, that is to say that men and women become familiar in working together as they would in industry. Also, industry has a great desire for women engineers, mostly because of government programs, which would be a positive aspect for placement."

Mr. Howard went on to add, "we feel that we could attract a reasonable number of girls to Rose but one must remember that going co-educational is a grey subject, not one with black and white aspects. On one hand there are the positive aspects and on the other there is tradition and alumni opinion . . . it kind of depends on how you feel on any specific day."

## Thorn Poll Do You Think Rose Should Go Coed?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

Please Return to Box 891

## Chances for coeducation slim

by John Sparks

Rose-Hulman will not go co-ed in the foreseeable future without a large push by the student body, according to Dr. Hulbert.

Although a move toward coeducation was tabled at a May, 1978 meeting of the Board of Managers, it is not the Board of Managers, staff, faculty, or administration that is keeping females out.

It is the student body. And for Hulbert, who still believes it is very appropriate for Rose to go co-ed, this is a substantial roadblock.

"Rose is a special place," says Hulbert. "There's no place quite like it and it is inappropriate to not allow someone to attend because of their sex."

And Rose does keep females out. Every year a significant number of women write for information and quite a few persist in applying to Rose even

after a letter explaining the unisex situation is sent to them.

So the demand is existant. And Hulbert feels women have much to offer to the Rose-Hulman community.

"Rose fosters a hidden prejudice. As a result of not having female students a lot of people really don't think women have the same engineering skills as male students, and that's nonsense."

"By excluding females the Rose student isn't made aware of the significant contributions women are making in science and engineering."

Hulbert doesn't buy the argument that there ought to be unisex colleges as an alternative to co-ed colleges for precisely these reasons.

And while admitting that Rose does have a limited number of spots for incoming freshmen, he feels that having women in the

class would more than make up for the loss of males.

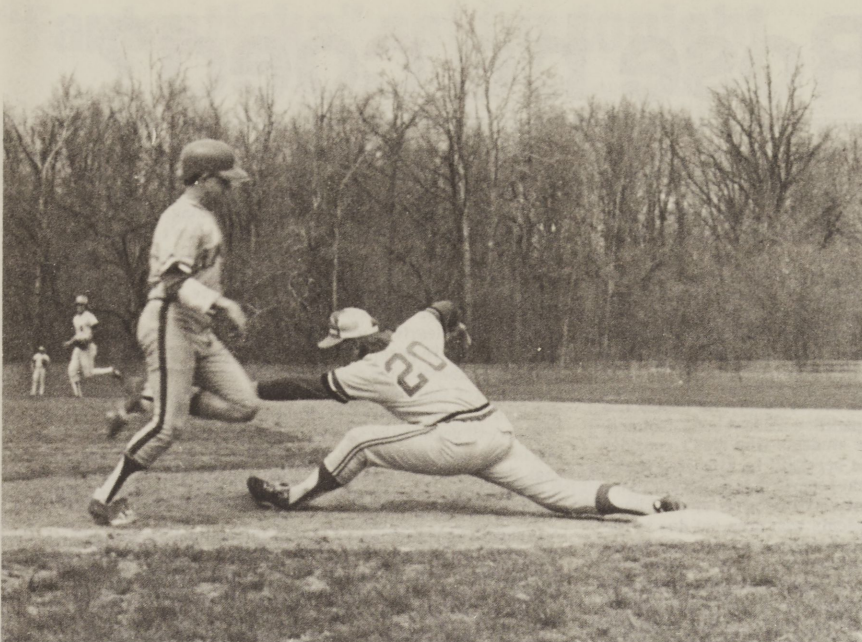
If a significant number of females graduated each year, it would probably attract more recruiters to Rose. The females would attract higher salaries, but this is a nation-wide trend, and would not be a Rose-Hulman anomaly.

Going co-ed would have little impact on the Master Plan, too. The same facilities would be built in the same order of priority.

The day will probably come when Rose does go co-ed. However, the Board of Managers does not perceive coeducation as a major concern of the student body. Therefore, they are taking no action on the issue.

But if the students do push the issue, Hulbert feels that coeducation at Rose could become a reality.





John Brabender stretches as far as possible to get the out at first against Washington University this past Sunday. Rose swept W.U. six to three and eight to one to up their record to 4 and 13.

## Baseball team improves mark with sweep of Washington U.

The Rose-Hulman baseball team had one of its most successful weekends this season. First, only one of the four games was rained out, and second the Engineers won two of the other three games.

Saturday the team traveled to Indianapolis to face a good Butler team. In the first game Stan Woszczyński pitched a good game but fell victim to a four run rally in the bottom of the third inning to take the loss.

Rose led off the game with a pair of singles from Jay Gehring and Keith Oehlman. Two sacrifice flies and a base hit brought in the Engineers only two runs of the game. Although the team collected more hits and

walks in the later innings, they were unable to put them together for more runs.

In the bottom of the third inning, Butler took two walks, a triple and a single to take a 3-2 lead and then added an insurance run for the final score of 4 to 2. Woszczyński took the loss. The second game was rained out after three innings with the score tied at 1 to 1.

Sunday the team returned home to even better luck as they swept a twin bill from Washington University at St. Louis. Although Washington University was not regarded as a tough opponent, Rose enjoyed one of their better hitting efforts

as they scored 14 runs in the two games.

Steve Hill took the win in the first game by a 6-3 score while Keith Oehlman was the winning pitcher in the second 8 to 1.

Since returning from their spring break trip the Engineers have improved their mark to 4 and 5 while now standing at 4 and 13 overall.

This week the Engineers had two big games with Wabash and two with DePauw in addition to their intrasquad game Saturday for Parent's Day. Sunday the team travels to MacMurry for a doubleheader.



Jay Gehring, the Engineer's leadoff batter, takes a cut at a pitch against Washington University. Against Butler, Gehring led off with a single that keyed a two run inning.

## Rifle team wins Invitational

As difficult as it may be to believe, the rifle team continued to set more records as they placed first in a field of 18 teams at the 31st Annual University of Illinois Invitational Rifle and Pistol Match. Rose-Hulman's number one team scored a match record 1091 points out of a possible 1200 to easily outdistance the field. In the course of the match the team brought home nine trophies.

Members of the championship

team are Chuck Leddon, Gary Meier, Jim Gryga, and Mike Rasmussen. Leddon scored 282 out of a possible 300 points to place first in the individual competition. Gary Meier tallied 277 points for second place individual score while Jim Gryga's 270 was good enough for fourth overall. Mike Rasmussen's 262 rounded out the scoring.

The number two Rose-Hulman team consisting of Bruce Ziegler, Dave Kolacz, Tim Juntunen, and

Brian Raver scored 1016 for second place varsity team.

As Grand Champion of the match the Engineers defeated such teams as the University of Wisconsin, Purdue, Northwestern Missouri, and Marquette. In doing so, Rose established themselves as the number one team in the entire Midwest for all three NCAA divisions. The rifle team now has a record of 58 wins and 2 losses.

## Greek games highlights Parents Day weekend

On Sunday, a great interfraternity competition will take place on the Rose campus. Called the Greek Games, this annual competition pits the six Rose fraternities, LXA, Theta Xi, Triangle, ATO, Sigma Nu, and FIJI against each other in a variety of athletic events.

FIJI won the games last year, breaking a long tradition of Lambda Chi domination. Lambda Chi should be out for revenge in this year's competition, but FIJI will definitely try to continue its own winning tradition. ATO and Sigma Nu could be a factor in the competition, although they have more of an outside chance at winning.

Songfest, the only non-athletic event, should test whether ATO can keep its string of 4 consecutive victories going. They should be pushed hard by Lambda Chi, FIJI and Triangle.

The athletic events include a tug of war, cart race, canoe race, 15 man pyramid, and a bike race. The cart race starts the games. The carts start at the main gate, go around the observatory and finally fly down the hill to the fieldhouse.

In the canoe race the teams battle and maneuver around a four pylon course. Although the rules have been stiffened to prevent intentional collisions, they

will undoubtedly occur.

In the 15 man pyramid anyone can win. If one team member slips on any one run, victory could be lost. The closeness of the duels also makes it anyone's ball game.

The tug of war's new weight limit may play a role in this year's contest, but since it was set at such a high limit, it probably won't.

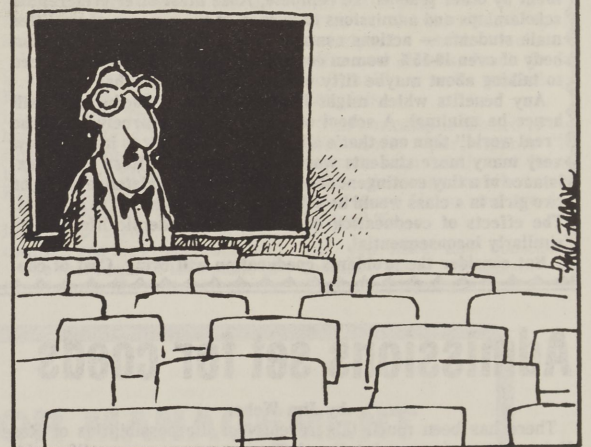
The bike and cart races should provide some high speed thrills, especially the carts' final run to the fieldhouse. The relay format of the bike race allows for more participation and adds the element of exchanges.

The high speed does not involve a hazardous safety risk because of the precautions that are taken. All of the drivers and bikers wear helmets and all teams hold extensive practices beforehand. Another precaution that the bikers take is that one team member serves as a "catcher" to stop the momentum of an exchanging rider. The schedule of events for Sunday's Greek Games is:

Cart Race	11:00 a.m.
Canoe Race	12:30 p.m.
Pyramid	1:30 p.m.
Tug of War	2:30 p.m.
Bike race	4:00 p.m.
Songfest	7:30 p.m.

### FRANKLY SPEAKING ...by phil frank

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## Blue Key hosts Rose Show 1979

This Saturday is Parent's Day 1979. It will begin with a concert in the fieldhouse at 9:45 a.m., and parents registration is slated to follow at 10:00 a.m. Then President Hulbert and Robert Stearley, Parents Association President, will welcome visitors to Rose.

During the day Glee Club and Rose Rifles will sponsor the Rose show which will begin at 11:00 a.m. Each academic department and several clubs will field exhibits.

At 11:15 a.m. Blue Key will also sponsor a pie throw by the track. Chances to throw a pie at volunteers from the faculty will be raffled away, with proceeds to be donated to the U.S. Olympic team.

At noon in the fieldhouse there will be a picnic lunch. Then at 1:00 p.m., there will be a father and son free throw shooting contest.

Other events during the day are a track meet at noon, an intrasquad baseball game, and a dance Saturday night in the Hulman Union. Also during the day the drama club will give two performances of the off-Broadway hit *The Fantasticks*.

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The driver of the Lambda Chi Alpha cart in a past Greek Weekend cart race is shown crossing the bridge over Lost Creek near the fieldhouse. The cart race will once again be the first event and will begin at the main entrance to Rose at 11:00 a.m.

## Golf team splits despite handicaps

The gold team played in two tournaments, the DePauw Invitational on April 7, and the Indianapolis Intercollegiate on April 9. Highlighting the Indianapolis Intercollegiate was a hole in one by Rose golfer Chris Lindhjem.

The DePauw tournament was played in sleet and a temperature of 30F, in addition all of the seniors were taking the EIT test. In spite of this, many of the Rose golfers turned in good scores, and the team did fairly well.

At the Indianapolis Intercollegiate the weather conditions were even worse. The tournament was delayed four hours so that the inch of snow, which had fallen onto the course the night before, could melt. This delay caused the format of the tournament to be changed. Only 18 holes were played instead of the scheduled 36.

Despite this handicap Chris Lindhjem was able to make a

hole in one on the 16th hole, using a 6 iron. According to tournament officials Lindhjem's hole in one was the first time for such an event in the history of the tournament.

Overall the team beat Butler and Wabash but lost to Indiana Central. The conditions definitely hampered play, with each team averaging 15-20 strokes over last year's score.

Tomorrow the golf team plays in a 4 way dual meet at Hulman Links, Rose will face Wabash, Maria, and Evansville. The team should be able to beat Wabash and finish either first or second. Two players that should lead the Rose squad are senior Todd Hand and junior Chris Lindhjem. The match will start at 1:00. The team's schedule for the remainder of the season:

April 21	4 Way Meet
April 28	Taylor Invitational
May 5	Rose-Hulman Invit.
May 10-11-12	CAC at Sewanee

## Tennis team posts win over St. Joe

The Rose-Hulman tennis team won one match and lost one match in its most recent performances. In a rematch with St. Joe, on April 10 the Engineers again dominated and won 9-0. They did not do as well against ISU-Evansville on April 12, losing 3-6.

Rose showed its strength by losing only 2 out of 20 sets. The match was only Rose's second outdoor meet of the season, but the results show that this had little effect.

In the April 12 contest with ISU-Evansville, the team lost two close matches which ultimately decided the outcome.

Playing fifth and sixth singles, Mike Jacobs and Bob Walker each lost in 3 sets by scores of 6-4, 3-6, 1-6 and 7-5, 1-6, 3-6 respectively.

Rose also won its share of close matches with come from behind victories by David Boodt and Keith Hightower. Boodt won with a score of 6-1, 5-7, 6-4, and Jacobs with 6-4, 3-6, 1-6.

The team now stands at 3-3 for the season and according to coach Joe Touchton the team "played fairly well" in its match with ISU-Evansville.

The results of the two meets were:

Rose vs ISU-Evansville  
(April 12)

Singles	
Mark Tyrell	1-6, 3-6
David Boodt	6-1, 5-7, 6-4
Dan Hatten	5-7, 2-6
Keith Hightower	3-6, 6-4, 7-5
Mike Jacobs	6-4, 3-6, 1-6
Bob Walker	7-5, 1-6, 3-6

Doubles	
Tyrell/Hatten	1-6, 2-6
Boodt/Hightower	2-6, 1-6
Mazzoni/McLaughlin	3-6, 3-6

Rose vs St. Joseph's

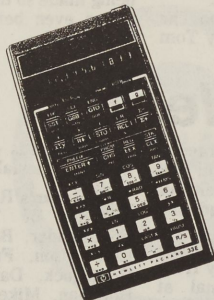
Singles	
Mark Tyrell	6-1, 6-0
David Boodt	6-0, 6-4
Dan Hatten	6-0, 6-0
Keith Hightower	6-0, 6-0
Mike Jacobs	6-4, 3-6, 6-2
Bob Walker	6-1, 6-2

Doubles	
Tyrell/Hatten	6-0, 6-2
Boodt/Hightower	6-0, 6-1
Jacobs/Walker	6-3, 4-6, 6-1

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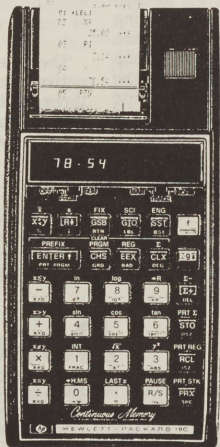
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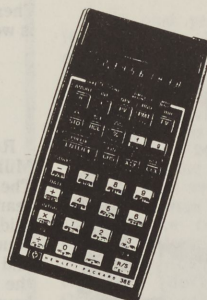
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# Campus organizations

## Chess Club

The Chess Club is an organization currently comprised of about thirty members. The Club provides competition of both a formal and informal nature for students and faculty interested in strategic combat and intense concentration.

Although somewhat limited financially, the chess club is having one of its most active seasons in recent memory. Along with weekly meetings, the club has also organized and participated in many special events.

Back in the fall, the club sponsored its annual nationally rated chess tournament which was open to the public, thus providing strong outside competition. This tournament is recognized as one of the most enjoyable tournaments in the area.

In the early winter months, the

club supported a team which participated in two weekend tournaments in Bloomington and Hammond, Indiana. These were good warm-ups for the club's big annual event: the Pan-American Intercollegiate Chess Championship which is held during Christmas break.

Each year the tournament site changes to a different city in the United States which has an organization willing to sponsor the tournament. This year's tournament was held in Chicago, Illinois, near the O'Hare Airport.

The club sent six team members: 1. Jim Murduck, 2. Bob Kaminsky, 3. Joe Farrell, 4. Mark Shirley, 5. Jim "Roscoe" Squire, 6. Bob Homeier. Although the team did not win any accolades, it did provide some of the larger schools with tough competition.

Along with supporting a team, the club also sponsors several

on-campus tournaments for the less-advanced players.

Third quarter marks the start of the most prestigious club-sponsored event — the Annual Club Championship. Participation is by invitation only. Selection is based upon an exhibition of strong or promising play during the course of the year.

This year's field totals eight members. They are: Jim Murduck, Mark Shirley, Joe Farrell (defending champion), Bob Kaminsky, Jim "Roscoe" Squire, Bob Homeier, Doug Gundlach, and Rich Wolfe.

Finally, the club is in the process of organizing a chess library comprised of books for the beginner, and more advanced players. This along with "Cyber chess" computerized program packs, which the club purchased at the end of last year, should provide excellent self-tutoring to help "beef-up" the quality of our club members' chess play.

These stories are printed here as received by the Thorn. We solicited them for this issue, and edited them only for grammar and style.



Jeff Koechling and Bill Sutton appeared in this fall's production of "J.B."

## Student Activities Board

The 1978-79 school year was a huge success for the Student Activities Board. Under the chairmanship of Greg Tarvin, the SAB managed to produce a total of \$22,000 worth of shows on a \$9,000 budget.

Fall quarter was highlighted by the largest Homecoming concert in recent memory. Over 2100 alumni, students, faculty, and friends gathered in Shook Fieldhouse to see the performance of Harry Chapin, one of America's leading folk

singers. From his opening song to the audience's final standing ovation, everyone was absorbed by Chapin's storytelling and music. Thanks to the dedication of the SAB, this concert will long be remembered as one of the best homecoming concerts ever at Rose.

Winter quarter's best production by the SAB had to be the performance of Don McLeod and Macarena-the Mime and the Dancer. Performing for an afternoon convocation audience

in addition to an evening show, Don and Macarena delighted 700 people with their entertaining blend of comedy, mime, and dance.

Thus far, this Spring quarter's high point has been the gospel-rock concert by Truth. Playing before a near-capacity audience in the auditorium, the group added a new dimension to the SAB's productions. Still to come this quarter is the return of Roadmaster to the Rose-Hulman campus.

Saturday night, April 21, the SAB will feature a coffeehouse at 8:00 in the Worx featuring Conrad Shiba and Edge Meyer. There is no charge, and everyone is welcome to attend.

## Drama Club

The Drama Club has been very active this year, performing three full shows for the first time. This schedule includes the first musical ever to be presented at Rose.

Last fall, the club did J.B., a drama by Archibald MacLeish. The winter show was Joseph Heller's comedy, Catch-22.

The spring show will be The Fantasticks, a musical by Tom

Jones and Harvey Schmidt.

The club tries to develop a new aspect of the theater in each show it puts on, which allows club members a fuller understanding of the dramatic process.

Membership continues to grow, and plans are already being made so that next year can be an even better one for the drama club.



1978-79 Rose-Hulman Debate Team (left to right) Dwight Dively, John Rasp, Jim Renfro, Dr. Donald Shields, Kevin Bowen, Peter Kehoe, and Mark Bates.

## Debate Team

by John Fitz

Having wound up their season by winning a national championship, Rose's debate team recorded its best mark in its three year history. The team won three times and finished second twice out of a total of nine tournaments, and individual speakers won a total of eleven awards.

The team consisted of senior John Rasp, junior Dwight Dively, and sophomores Mark Bates, Kevin Bowen, Keith Hovda, Peter Kehoe, and Jim Renfro. Bates, Dively, and Renfro concentrated mostly on the varsity division, while the others debated at the junior varsity and novice levels.

After a 6-6 record at Butler early in the season, the team had an outstanding weekend in early October when it won second place in both the novice and junior divisions at IUPUI and captured first in the varsity division at Millikin College. Dively won the first place speaker award at Millikin, with Bates finishing sixth. Hovda was second and Rasp fourth at

IUPUI.

The next weekend, the same varsity team finished fifth at a strong varsity tournament at Western Kentucky. In early December, Bates and Renfro swept the Greenville Tournament, carrying off first place and winning the top two speaker awards.

After Christmas, the team won two fifth place awards at Illinois State, and Dively garnered the speaker award for fifth, also.

To wind up the season, Bates and Dively went undefeated to win the negative division of the DSR-TKA National Tournament in Atlanta. This marks the first national championship for the team, and simultaneously their first win in national competition. Dively was named the third best speaker in the tournament.

For the season, the team had a 57-33 record, and never finished out of the top 40% of any tournament. The first team varsity had a fantastic 87.5% winning percentage, and the JV and novice squads won 58.3% of their rounds.

## Rose Rifles

Rose Rifles is Rose-Hulman's Military Exhibition Drill Team. The team competes against teams from other schools in the Midwest and the rest of the country. To perfect the complex and difficult marching routine, the team practices three to four hours per week throughout the entire year.

In past years, Rose Rifles has performed at Iowa State U.,

Purdue Univ., Eastern Kentucky Univ., Washington U. in St. Louis, and at the University of Illinois. During this academic year, the team brought back a third place trophy from Purdue and a second place trophy from the Bluegrass Invitational at EKU.

The team also marched at Washington Univ. and in several parades here and in Brazil. Members of Rose Rifles also serve as aides at the annual Rose-Indiana State Invitational Drill Meet, here in Terre Haute.

Though the team is not an ROTC affiliated organization, but is a school club, its military nature attracts some ROTC cadets and therefore the change of command ceremony will take place immediately before the

ROTC awards ceremony in the Shook Memorial Fieldhouse.

This year's Rose Rifles squad consists of Ted Fultz as Commander, Bob Brandel, Jon Edmondson, Frank Fort, Bob Heathcock, Dave Holtz, Andy Hoffman, Mike Laposa, Bruce Ray, Lee Sanders, George Sparrow, Bob Sutton, Kirk Teitge, and Barbara Rehl of St. Mary of the Woods College.

The team has elected Bruce Ray as Commander and Kirk Teitge as Lt. Cdr. for the 1979-80 school year.

The team would like to extend special thanks to all those who gave their support this year, especially to Maj. Thomas Buckley, their sponsor, who gave very generously of his time.

## Band

The Band is a heterogeneous mixture of three miles of brass tubing, several cords of wood, and somewhere between 12 and 90 air-emitting entities. Under the leadership of director Dave "Nails" Nearpass and president Bob "Five-Iron" Liepold, the band program is divided into two distinct phases: the Pep Band which plays at both home and away basketball and football games; and the Jazz Band which performs for several dances and a few assorted concerts each year.

A recent survey indicated that the typical Rose Bandsman is between the ages of 14 and 33, would rather eat garlic bread than be poked with a stick, and enjoys armadillo wrestling in his spare time. This is misleading, for the Band is diversity, not uniformity. Men of different classes, different majors, different shoe sizes; all united by a common desire for creativity, for self-expression, for that gorgeous blonde in the third row.

And, lest their dedication be questioned, let it be known that each and every Bandsman is forced to miss Bullwinkle in order to attend the practices where he sharpens his skills for your listening pleasure.

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# Campus organizations

## Orienteering Club

by Peter Kehoe

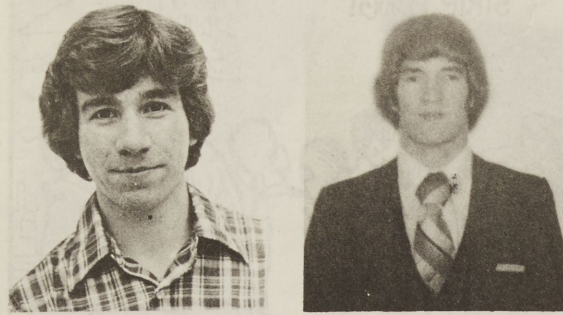
On Saturday, May 12, the Rose Orienteering Club will host a class "B" meet. It will be held at Owen-Putnam State Park which is south of Terre Haute. The meet is open to everyone. There will be several different age and experience levels from beginner to expert. There will also be an introductory course set up around the campus for Parent's Day, tomorrow, to give a basic idea of what orienteering is like.

Last weekend, the club participated in a class "A" meet at Strouds Run State Park near Athens, Ohio. The meet also determined the intercollegiate championships. Some good performances were turned in considering that the courses were among the toughest in the world. Over 470 persons from all over the country competed at the meet, making it one of the largest meets in the U.S. Although no Rose member plac-



Freshman Scott Hickerson pioneers through the woods at Rose on his way to first place in the Orange category at Rose orienteering meet on October 14.

ed at the meet, it was still a good meet and is no reflection on the outstanding season that the club has had so far this year.



The new Student Government Association officers are President Don Umpleby (left) and Vice-President Scott Hueber.

## SGA Headliners

On Tuesday, April 10, the Student Congress again heard budget proposals from various clubs for the 1979-80 school.

Club	79-80 proposal	78-79 allotment
Flying	\$75	\$75
Glee	\$3150	\$4350
Orienteering	\$1514	\$800

In other business, Bill Bush asked for a \$300 loan on behalf of the Rose-Hulman Racing Association, to be paid back in June. The motion passed unanimously.

The next Student Congress meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24th, and will be the last preliminary budget hearing.

Every year, the S.G.A. President and Vice-President appoint students to serve in many different positions in the S.G.A. organization. These appointments include: the S.G.A. executive officers, the Judicial Council, the Admissions Student Advisory Board, and the many Faculty Committee and Commission appointments. Applications

for all of these positions are now available in the S.G.A. office, and must be returned by Friday, April 27th.

The wider the cross-section of students that are active in the S.G.A. organization, the more effective it will be. Now is your chance to get involved! No matter what your interests, there is probably a committee that you would enjoy contributing to. There are faculty committees and commissions devoted to everything from athletics to the Computing Center.

There is a list of all appointments that will be made, along with a description of each in the S.G.A. office. Stop by and check it out!

## WRTR

by Michael J.

This year WRTR has been directing all of its efforts toward becoming an FM stereo station, and this goal is now within sight. As of now, the FCC is reviewing the application and a preliminary word as to how the application is going should soon be out.

The station has broadcast this year, with some outstanding upperclassmen preparing many fine freshmen DJ's for broadcasting to all of Terre Haute next year.

This summer, the studio and office of WRTR will be dismantled, remodeled, and the

FM transmitting equipment installed. The tower should be put up this summer and all the necessary tests begun, possibly running into the first quarter of next year.

When all is ready, WRTR will represent Rose-Hulman among the airwaves of Terre Haute.

The staff of WRTR would like to extend their thanks to the Board of Managers for their faith in staff through the year and the club sponsor Prof. Priest. Thanks also go out to Dr. Hulbert who has given the club encouragement and to Dr. Lucas and Dr. Hoover for their hard work and assistance.

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## Glee Club

As in past years, the Rose-Hulman Glee Club has been extremely active this year. The Glee Club, under the guidance of a professional director, rehearses two to three times a week and this year has a membership of 24.

This year the Glee Club has performed on several occasions at Rose-Hulman and also in the Terre Haute community. On campus performances this year include a concert for the freshmen during Freshmen Orientation, a Homecoming concert for the Fifty and Over Club of Alumni, and the Rose-Hulman Faculty-Staff Christmas Dinner. In addition, the Glee Club re-instituted its Christmas

convocation concert.

Concerts for the Terre Haute community have included performances at a banquet for employees of General Telephone, at the Public Service Indiana-sponsored Eagle Scout Banquet, and a Sunday morning performance at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Performances yet to come this year include the Parent's Day concert Saturday at 10:15 AM in the fieldhouse. The Glee Club will perform at the First Baptist Church and the Central Presbyterian Church in Terre Haute. Tentative performances for the Indianapolis Rose Tech Club and the Terre Haute Mormon Church are scheduled.

## Quarterly

The Quarterly is a magazine of literature written by and for the students here at Rose. A lot of people are surprised that, being a technical school, we have such a thing. Engineers at Rose are just like everybody else — we come up with stories that we think are funny and poems that we think are good.

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# Marry Not An Engineer

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He talketh away of stresses and strains and of no end of thermodynamics; he showeth always a serious aspect and seemeth not to know how to smile; and he picketh his seat on the car by the number of springs therein and not by the damsel thereon. Neither does he know a waterfall except for its power, nor the sunset for its specific heat.

Always he carrieth books with him, and he entertaineth his maiden with steam tables. Verily, though the damsel expecteth chocolates, when he calleth, he opens the package to reveal samples of a new alloy.

Yea, he holdeth a damsel's hand, but! only to measure the friction, and he kisseth only to test viscosity. For in his eye shineth a faraway look which is neither love nor longing, but a vain attempt to remember an equation.

Even as a little boy, he pulleth a girl's hair, but to test its elasticity, and as a man he discovereth different devices, for he would hold a maiden to his bosom only to count the palpitations of her heart, and to reckon the strength of her materials.

Alas! his marriage is a simultaneous equation, involving two unknowns and yielding a periodic function.

Anonymous

FRANKLY SPEAKING ...by phil frank



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## Reader writes to complain

To Editor John Rasp and Assistant Editor Dwight Dively:  
Your reply to my letter to the Editor of April 10 left much to be desired.

First, you treated the letter in the joking context of "Not the Thorn," by beginning your reply with, "While we, of course, have no responsibility for 'Not the Thorn'..." Let us cling to some semblance of journalistic standards by treating serious letters as such.

Second, you did not grasp its meaning. As you say, the majority of humor is at someone else's expense. But you continue with, "... we see no reason to exclude any particular group from such consideration."

I did not suggest that any particular group should be excluded from such consideration. Quoting my letter, "... how unsuited the subjects of Hitler and the Final Solution are for base attempts at cute jokes (emphasis supplied)." As for my being offended as a Jew. I certainly was. I hoped to make clear in the letter that I was also offended as an American, and most importantly, as a person who is opposed to the things that Hitler stood for. The second World War touched the lives of far more people than just the six million Jews, and its effects continue to touch us in 1979.

Third, there is the very structure of your attempted

humor. To parody one thing by associating it with another, there must be some connection between the two. For example, the stereotype concerning Jews and money is the basis for calling a cash register a "Jewish piano." It has been said that the difference between Cleveland and the Titanic is that Cleveland has a better orchestra. And, of course, those of us who love to hate Terre Haute sometimes call it "Terrible Hole."

Connections exist: cash register keys and piano keys, the city seeming to sink, the play on Terre Haute's name.

However, to take Rose-Hulman's Master Plan for campus development and arbitrarily label it with the explicit title of Hitler's blueprint for mass murder is indeed crude and tasteless. Hitler and the Final Solution are not devoid of laughter, but it must be what Peter Ustinov called "the laughter of shock," as opposed to laughter over just another funny story. Ustinov's book, *We Were Only Human*, is in the library. It is a satire of a portion of the Third Reich. Mostly caricatures and captions, it takes only a few minutes to read.

We need not live in the past, and we certainly need not be afraid of it. But we had all better remain aware of it and know what it means.

## Editor's Reply

Since there is no doubt in anyone's mind on the question of who was responsible for "Not the Thorn," it can scarcely be considered out of line to let Jack File and Harry S. reply to these comments. We quote them here:

"We apparently misinterpreted what you intended to say with your letter, and we are truly sorry if our response appeared frivolous to you. We assure you that the reply was not intended in jest. However, we do not feel bound by your or Mr. Ustinov's definition of what constitutes humor."

We believe Mssrs. File's and S's comments reflect our own opinions.

John Rasp, Editor  
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## The Plight of the Senior

by Eric Blair

With the coming of spring, many students find themselves in the same position: they are seniors, about to graduate from Rose-Hulman. The rest of the school envies them. They're about to graduate and leave, while everyone else has YEARS left.

You can always recognize the senior. He's the one walking aimlessly through the halls with a blank expression on his face. Every once in a while he'll come to life enough to blurt out something like "There are only 3,124,860 seconds left until graduation." However, his mind has been destroyed by countless worries over such things as senior projects, interviews, and job decisions that lesser mortals do not have to contend with.

Senior plight actually begins at the end of the junior year. With the current housing shortage, and the housing priority list that gives low priority to seniors, the average on-campus junior is faced with the unpleasant prospect of being forced out of his cozy dorm room and into the cold, cruel world of apartment hunting in Terre Haute. To make matters worse, there's generally

room for some seniors on campus — so the suspense builds as many a junior wonders whether he's "made it on campus" or not.

Fall comes, as it is wont to do, and with it Senior Plight begins in earnest. Scarcely has the school year begun when hordes of employment recruiters descend upon the campus, luring the unsuspecting with tales of \$20,000-a-year salaries, rapid promotion to Chairman of the Board or higher, and fringe benefits that would make King Solomon envious.

Seniors line up every morning in front of the Templeton Building to sign up for interviews. By 4 AM the line is generally one hundred students long, and anyone who isn't in line at that unholy hour in the middle of the night can forget about getting a job that day. Soon people start lining up earlier... and earlier... and earlier. Sleeping bags start appearing in line, and then tents. And you can recognize the senior by the drowsy look that comes from five consecutive nights of fitful, restless sleep on the steps of Templeton.

As the year progresses, the

senior is on campus less and less. He's always away on plant trips, jetting away to Texas or Florida or California at company expense. Lavishly entertained by corporations who view him as a potential robber baron of the future, the senior stops in Terre Haute between plant trips only to recover from the Agony Airlines commuter flight, take in a couple of classes, and repack before leaving again. You can recognize the senior by chronic jet lag.

Last scene of all that ends this strange eventful history is Senior Kiss-off. Spring is here, and the senior has his job. He's taking the lightest class load he can get away with.

The senior is a punting expert. After weeks of skipping classes, tests just don't seem too important any more. So he may skip them, too. Forget about doing homework, don't bother to study for that trivial little final exam, and put off that senior project until the last week of classes. Before he knows it, he flunks and is back again for another year. So it goes.

So have pity on the poor senior. And remember: you may be one yourself, someday.

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